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County budget $3 million short

Provincial funding cut as councillors wonder how to spare property owners

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

The county has unveiled a draft document of what is being described as the most difficult budget in recent history.

Projections are that the county will need an additional $3.2 million to meet its budgetary requirements for the year 2006 – a 40 per cent increase over this year's budget.

The figure represents an astonishing tax increase for ratepayers unless council can get creative with its accounting – even though the increase would be largely masked by the upsurge in property values that was announced this fall by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

"If we didn't have the municipal assessment increases this year, we'd be looking at a 40 per cent (tax rate) increase," treasurer Laura Janke told county council on Wednesday.

Councillors would only have to raise the tax rate by two per cent in 2006 with numbers as they are now. However, many in the area would feel the hit all the same because of waterfront property values that recently shot up an average of 35-40 per cent. Newly crowned Warden Murray Fearrey assured ratepayers that they will not have to take the full brunt of the shortfall, although he did not specify exactly how that would be accomplished.

"We can't go forward with a 40 per cent [increase], I think everybody at the table agrees with that," said Fearrey. "I'm not about to guess what we'll end up at but it

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DARREN LUM/Echo

A graceful tradition

Did Tschaikowsky know how much *The Nutcracker* would become an essential part of our Christmas celebration? Danielle Chvedukas and fellow dancers with Heritage Ballet made this year's performance as fresh and lively as ever. More photos on pages 14 and 15.

Penny for your vote

Will cut in the GST make a difference?

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

It didn't take long for the federal election campaign to mention the GST.

The Conservative Party recently stirred up the debate by pledging to immediately drop the tax by one point to six per cent and then again to five per cent in five years' time. It's a dangling carrot that the Conservatives are betting will attract voters on January 23, but is the old Mulroney tax the same hate magnet it was when it was first introduced in 1991?

It certainly was enough for Jean Chretien to get elected in 1993 when he promised (and later reneged) to scrap it. But both public and political sentiment may be more ambiguous after living with it for almost 15 years. Anne MacDermid, the local NDP candidate, thinks cutting the GST does nothing for people who really need a tax break.

"The GST is a progressive tax, which means the more you buy the more GST you pay," she says. "Poor people don't pay a lot of GST so taking a percent or two off doesn't really help poor people at all. It's very nice for wealthier people."

MacDermid would rather raise the amount that people can earn before they start to pay income tax so that poor people struggling to make ends meet have more cash in their pockets – a view that also falls in line with the Liberal platform.

Local Liberal candidate Greg Walling says that retail spending, from an economic point of view, is already at its max and that tinkering with a consumption tax will only lead to increased interest rates. He also has views that echo those of MacDermid.

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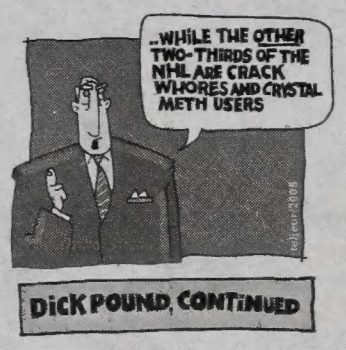
Dick Pound gets a little bit of Haliburton under his tree

Hockey fans know that as well as being the talented creator of the *Echo's* Boonieville comic strip every week, Charlie Teljeur also has a regular stint for CBC Sports Online. He stickhandles his way through hockey politics twice a week at *The Instigator* (www.cbc.ca/ sports). The other day he scored with a cartoon about Dick Pound, the man in charge of keeping drugs out of organized sport. It turns out that a friend of Dick Pound's liked the cartoon so much that he wanted to give it to Pound as a Christmas present. He tracked Charlie down in the backwoods of Haliburton and Teljeur happily mailed off a colour cartoon. And what does Charlie get in return? It turns out that the person asking for the cartoon is the son-in-law of Dick Irvin, a staple of Hockey Night in Canada and son of legendary coach of the same name.



Charlie will be getting a signed photo of him for his hockey memorabilia collection.

here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

While every shopper enjoys a good bargain, the people doing their Christmas shopping at Cranberry Cottage are also feeling a bit sad at the reason they are being offered 30 per cent off everything in the store. Owner Ruth DeJong is closing the store so she can concentrate on her business in Muskoka. When the DeJongs first opened Cranberry Cottage they converted a plain building – which started life as the Salvation Army hall –.into a retail destination. They totally renovated both the inside and the outside of the store and their flower gardens were renowned for their colourful bounty. Apparently, an artist with the Haliburton School of the Arts has purchased the building and plans to turn it into his studio. We welcome him to the community and send our best wishes to Ruth DeJong; she brought a lot of retail talent to the community and her store will be missed.

If you eat too many Christmas cookies this holiday season and your clothes no longer fit, the 4Cs asks you a favour: please don't drop off any donations of clothes at the Lily Ann until January 3. Although the 4Cs has a wonderful new home next to the Rails End Gallery for its food bank and used clothing depot, at this time of year the building is filled to the rafters with Christmas food and toy donations. There's no room at the inn for any more used clothing! (Or at least until January 3.)

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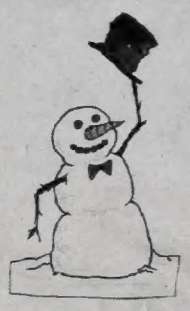
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Blessings of the season bestowed on 4Cs

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

At a time when the 4Cs is already overwhelmed by the generosity of the community, there are still some donations that make the volunteers' hearts fill with wonder.

Last week Ave Petch got a phone call from the mother of one of the Fleming College students who had helped to build the 4Cs its new home as part of the college's sustainable building program. He was so impressed by the 4Cs – which stands for Christian Community Concern Centre – that he wants his family and friends to make a donation to the 4Cs instead of giving him a Christmas gift.

"It's so touching that a student would want that for Christmas. I was blown over," says Petch, one of the many people who volunteer their time to run the food bank and Lily Ann clothing depot. "I was overwhelmed to think that a young person left Haliburton with that feeling."

She remembers meeting the student at the open house for the new straw bale building in August. He was so caught up with the spirit of the project – building an environmentally sustainable home for an organization that takes care of the county's neediest residents – that his heart's desire is now to do environmental work.

As part of its commitment to the building, the 4Cs has to raise $50,000. This is the first time the 4Cs has had to seek out donations; the community has always ensured the food banks' shelves are kept full throughout the year without having to be asked.

Petch is optimistic that the 4Cs will soon be able to fulfill its commitment.

Meanwhile, this week caps off a very busy time for the 4Cs volunteers. The 4Cs has requests for 230 Christmas hampers and there will also likely be a dozen families who didn't register in time who will get a hamper (although they won't get the voucher for the turkey.) This is similar to last year's figures.

"A lot of people phoning in for a request are so grateful," Petch says. "They say, 'Oh, I don't know what I would have done without it.'"

Mike Easton donated space in the former Sears store as a place to pack up the hampers. Local young people have been volunteering to help pack the hampers, either through their church or as part of their community service requirements for high school. Donations of toys have also been overwhelming in terms of both number and the quality of items. No child will go without a brightly wrapped gift this Christmas.

And although the food bank's shelves will be barren after all the hampers are filled, they'll be re-stocked within days with all the donation bags from IGA patrons and other last-minute donations.

Petch says that although this means things are pretty hectic around the 4Cs right now, "There's been such great cooperation that I keep thinking, 'What are we doing right?'"

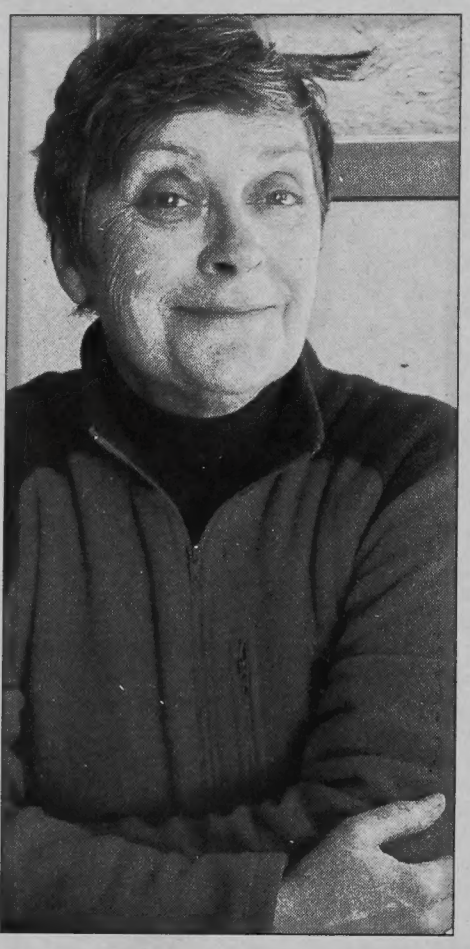
Every year the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association challenges local businesses and groups to raise money for the 4Cs as part of their Christmas celebration. Here, 4Cs chairperson Ave Petch, at centre, welcomes contributions from the Family Medical Clinic and the Bank of Montreal as part of the challenge. From left are he clinic's administrative assistant Carole Craigmyle, presenting $980, Aggie Tose, a homebuilder's representative, Bank of Montreal financial service manager Brenda Fearrey and branch manager Nelly Ashworth, who donated $200 to the food bank along with $712 for the toy drive.

The Knights of Columbus St. Anthony's Padua President Robert White contributes $100 to the 4C's Chairperson Ave Petch, helping to fill the empty shelves at the food bank.

When Royal LePage had its Christmas party, instead of buying gifts for each other, the representatives all bought gifts for the 4Cs which the home builders assocation picked up. The donations will be split between Haliburton and Minden food banks.

Vote your conscience

NDP and Green Party urge voters to avoid strategic voting on January 23



'There's been a immense amount of fear mongering,' says NDP candidate Ann MacDermid.

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Voting in our political system is tougher than it looks. In the lead-up to a Canadian election any number of factors can tilt your ballot in a new direction. You can vote based on your loyalty to a national party. Maybe you'll be dazzled enough by the competence of a local candidate to vote for a party you never voted for before. Or, as many Canadians are once again considering, you can place a strategic vote to block a certain party from gaining power.

This is the conundrum of the NDP and Green Party: how to convince voters, who at heart share the social values of their respective platforms, to not place a begrudging vote for the Liberals just so Stephen Harper does not become the next Prime Minster.

"There's been an immense amount of fear mongering," says NDP candidate Anne MacDermid. "People saying that if you vote NDP or Green Party your vote doesn't count. I think this is the break-through election where people can actually say 'I will vote for the Green Party. I will vote for the NDP. I will vote for the environment and fully funded public health care and we will get enough people in parliament so that our voice can be heard.'"

Voters who wrestle with this dilemma are in a bit of a fix. On one hand, they would like to raise the profile of a fully-funded healthcare system and environmental stewardship. At the same time they are fearful of the direction the country would take under the leadership of a Conservative government.

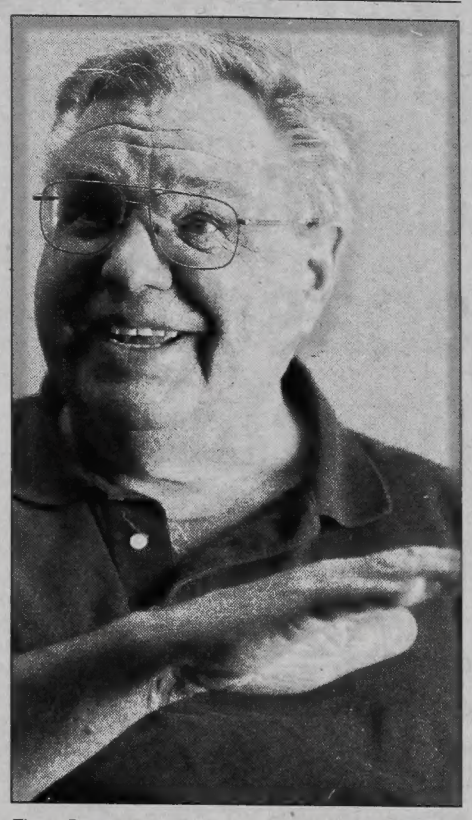
Local Green Party candidate Andrew Harjula vehemently opposes strategic voting and gives a monumental example of how voting one's conscience can work: our healthcare system.

"We wouldn't have a healthcare system in this country if it wasn't for Tommy Douglas and the NDP," says Harjula. "They were never in power but they brought the ideas forward and, through their pressure, Canada adopted a healthcare system."

Harjula believes that even though the Green Party will not get to power in the foreseeable future, a strong showing of support from voters would force the government to take its ideas seriously. In the same way that universal healthcare became possible through a socially-conscientious party like the NDP, so can a clean environment be made possible through the voice of the Green Party.

Both the NDP and the Green Party share a number of similar concerns in their platforms, the main ones being environment and healthcare. For MacDermid, the two are inextricably linked.

"People would be healthier if our air wasn't' so polluted and we didn't have to worry about toxic chemicals in our homes, our food, and our workplaces," she says, adding that neither the Conservatives nor Liberals are providing any real solutions for these issues.



The Green Party's Andrew Harjula says Canada wouldn't have a healthcare system without the smaller parties.

MacDermid says the Conservatives have made it clear they favour two-tier healthcare and that the Liberals have indirectly favoured the same thing through hurtful cuts they've made to the system.

"The NDP feels that the healthcare system should be a service, not a business."

MacDermid feels we should broaden our understanding of what healthcare is, which in her mind means moving away from "illness" and toward "wellness."

Harjula echoes this sentiment and thinks healthcare should do more in preventative measures. He cites the example of his mother who lives in Florida, where her insurer pays for a gym membership, which she takes advantage of three times a week.

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A healthy environment is good for the health of all

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"They gladly pay $50 for her to stay healthy so they don't have to pay $800 to keep her in the hospital," says Harjula. "It makes financial sense."

He also gives examples of a manufacturing company that pays its employees bonuses to walk to work, thereby increasing general health and reducing costly absenteeism.

Other priorities for Harjula include agriculture and tourism. He says a lot of industries within the riding are connected to agriculture and that the government needs to provide family farms with more help. He also wants to foster the local tourism industry, on which Haliburton County is heavily dependent. In particular, he wants to target foreign tourism, which he says provides a greater financial impact than just having local dollars exchange hands.

Harjula holds a masters degree in forestry and parks management and lives in Cavan, near Peterborough. A retired employee of the Ministry of Natural Resources, he is also a certified mediator who has done work for the Ontario Human Rights Commissions regarding workplace discrimination and sexual harassment.

He got into politics partly because of his experience teaching English in China last summer. With houses heated by coal and severe industrial pollution all around, he developed a chronic cough that was common to the locals living there.

"We don't want the same problems they have over here," says Harjula. "I never saw white snow when I was there. It was all black, dirty snow."

MacDermid is a long-time resident of Sunderland, where she was a strong advocate for environmental planning in small communities. She was also a founding member of the Sunderland Community Council and Vice-President of the Brock Youth Centre Board of Directors.

Youth is a high priority with MacDermid, who says the government must regard the young as our most precious resource. She believes it is poverty that puts our young people at risk.

"Poverty is extremely expensive," says MacDermid. "It's expensive for the government and it's expensive for society."

She also wants a better-funded university system where young adults don't have to forgo a house down payment in order to get an education.

"We expect everybody to be a millionaire. It cost my husband and $15,000 a year to keep a kid in school. They can get bursaries and part-time jobs but they still come out with significant debt."

In this election campaign, MacDermid wants to circumvent the right-wing stigma placed on social values and see an electorate that is more compassionate and caring.

"A hundred years ago we had a much better sense of the common good," explains MacDermid. "If somebody's barn or house burns down we all have $25 to put in the pot to get them back on their feet. We do that locally. We have to start doing it nationally."

Candidates vie for your vote at January 11 debate in Haliburton

BRYN WEESE

Staff Reporter

An all-candidates meeting has been scheduled for Haliburton County on Wednesday January 11. In preparation for the upcoming federal election, the meeting, to be held tentatively at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton, is scheduled 12 days prior to election day.

Under the guidance of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the format for the all-candidates meetings is still being finalized. However, whatever format is used, the purpose of the meeting is to allow voters across the county the opportunity to have their questions answered by the candidates and to become more familiar with the candidates and their respective parties' platforms.

Moderating the meeting will be Jack Brezina.

All candidates from the four major parties have confirmed their attendance: Conservative candidate Barry Devolin, Green party candidate Andrew Harjula, NDP candidate Anne MacDermid and Liberal candidate Greg Walling.

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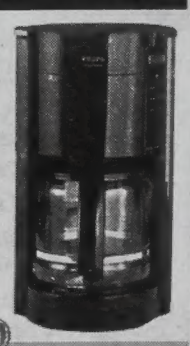

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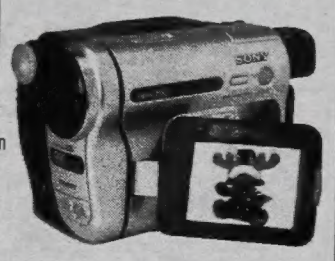

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echo **editorial** *martha perkins*

But county councillors also have a habit of backing themselves into a corner. Every year they say that ratepayers won't tolerate large increases and by postponing cuts, or "borrowing" money from the next year's budget, they bank on things being somehow better 12 months from now. The year passes and, surprise, surprise, they're faced with the same challenges, only now they're compounded by more downloading or funding cuts. They come face to face with all the issues they tried to avoid the previous year. And you know what? Times haven't improved and there's no easy fix.

Don't be too hard on them, though. They must sit there like a fiscal Solomon, trying to figure out how this county can survive with its infrastructure intact while keeping taxes as low as possible so Haliburton County doesn't become a haven for the rich. Most times, there's no one in the room with them. As much as people disagree with council once they realize how much it's going to affect their property taxes, few people get involved in the process of deciding how best to steer the county forward.

To involve more people in the process, the county is going to hold an open house, likely in January, when ratepayers can come and ask politicians and department heads to explain why they need all the money they're asking for. It's a welcome enhancement of the budget process but it still remains to be seen whether anyone will actually take them up on the invitation.

Politicians walk a fine line. They cannot let themselves be misguided by ideas that are too grandiose for what we are; nor can they afford to keep the county on such a tight financial leash that there is no opportunity for growth. So please, help them along by paying attention to the process and let them know when they're getting a bit too ahead of themselves and when holding back will do no one any good.

Debating time

Sure the debate that took place last week between the four federal leaders wasn't much of an opportunity to judge how the candidates react under pressure, but yelling at each other as they did in previous years didn't do much good either. As voters we do not need to be "entertained" by sparring matches. Instead, we must be encouraged to have to think about what the candidates are saying, not how they're saying it. We need to be presented with issues in all their complexities, not be beguiled into thinking that any of the parties can provide a quick fix to what ails us.

Here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock we are lucky to have four candidates who are willing to discuss the issues intelligently. They are pointing out that we do not live in a perfect world, and that the options available to create that perfect world are imperfect. They are balancing their parties' platforms with their own beliefs, willing to stand up and say what they believe in. That takes a lot of courage in this age of image over matter.

Ice bursts. *Photo by* DARREN LUM/ECHO

Thoughts on Christmas

the not so great outdoorsman *steve galea*

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, many of us will sit back and cherish the time spent with loved ones. Many will eagerly look beneath the tree for the gifts we've been given. Some will go to church, and bow heads and say prayers of thanks to God for all he has bestowed upon us.

I am one of those people, too, but I'm happy to say that, as a person who enjoys the outdoors, all of this is redundant to me.

For, throughout the year, my time outside is spent with the ones that I love. I guess I'm lucky that way.

There are the many fishing trips with my children and with old friends that I hold dear. There are the quiet canoe rides with my wife. There are the satisfying walks with my hunting dog down an old railway line in the afternoon. There are solemn and memorable hunts with good people in beautiful places. Each is wrapped in fine conversation and laughter. And there is plenty of time spent alone in silence, too. How can a person not cherish all of these things?

Long after the Christmas trees are taken down, an outdoors enthusiast receives the gifts that remain under the other trees. Anyone who has ever taken the time to examine and delight in our delicate wildflowers in early spring knows this to be true.

The same can be said of those who listen in awe to the melodies of our songbirds as they sing their innocent hymns in the thickets. And who can honestly say that the wondrous music of a ruffed grouse drumming on some distant log doesn't touch their heart? Or that the welcome cries of geese returning from their southern refuges don't stir their soul?

To see a doe and her fawn in a high summer meadow is no small thing either. Nor is the sight of a bear ambling off in the distance. Or the fragrance of pine on the breeze.

Then there is the thrill of trout or bass pulling hard against a fly line. Who can not feel a simple comfort in knowing that all of these wild things still exist in all of these places?

We outdoors people are spoiled with countless other little gifts too - the majestic beauty of our butterflies floating across the summer fields; the sight of a wild turkey hen and her brood crossing a meadow close to home; the yip of a coyote on a lonely January night; the haunting cry of a loon at sunrise.

And if you can't call a bull moose, full of raw power and primordial wildness, wading chest high in the bullhead lilies at the end of some wilderness lake, a gift to behold, I'm not sure what else would qualify.

As for church, is there a better cathedral than the grouse woods in autumn or a duck marsh at sunrise as the swirling mists reveal it? Can any temple compare to the hardwoods in winter after a fresh snowfall? If so, I have never been to it.

You'd have to be a fool to see these things and not give thanks. For, surely, you can't think about them for long without knowing that these are the greatest gifts we've been given.

And, maybe it's just me, but I also believe that if you gave it some thought, you'd realize that Christmas just might also be every good day spent in the outdoors.

So have a Merry Christmas, as often as you can.

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Sleigh bells

down our **road**

sharon lynch

THE MOON HAD JUST APPEARED, beautifully round and placid in a sea of fading clouds. It was not a terribly cold late afternoon but rather the kind that tricks you into thinking you don't need a hat for that walk around the block or down the road to your neighbours. Jessie was not fooled. She knew that it didn't take long for the smallest wind to find her uncovered ears. So she always wore a hat.

Jessie usually walked in the morning, delighting in deer high-tailing away from her and savouring the silence before other villagers began stirring in their warm, dark bedrooms. But today she had waited until late afternoon for her thirty minutes of exercise.

Jessie was the only person out on foot. People didn't seem to walk or even be outside much, except to shovel their walks, once the snow began.

There were so many kinds of snow, each dictating how to walk. Today it was a bit mushy but not sloppy; what she used to call good packing snow when she was a child. Snow forts and snowmen were built on Saturdays like this, their slightly crooked bodies growing upwards like strange winter flowers. Jessie wondered if children still spent time outside building, sculpting a world from their imagination. She saw no evidence in her walk but hoped all the backyards beyond her sight were awash in igloos, fortresses and snow families of every description. Although she loved the summer, winter touched a deep part of who she was as a Canadian. It was so woven into her being that the mere sight of a winter landscape, freshly blanketed in snow, left her feeling serenely content.

Around her, Christmas decorations had started to blink on, changing the familiar streets into a magical world of colour and light. Religion aside, Christmas made so much sense as a winter festival. What better way to pass the physically darkest, coldest time of the year than with days of special foods, dazzling theatre and visiting friends and families. It all made for comfort and joy as fires and candles glowed, bellies expanded and hearts sang.

As she walked, savouring the colours rimming houses and trees, Jessie became aware of a sound, soon discerned as voices. Turning her head, she saw two boys quickly gaining on her on the other side of the street. Then she remembered hearing distand, disembodied voices earlier in her walk. It must have been these, she thought, turning back to concentrate on her footing.

Their voices grew louder though she was not able to make out the words as they jiggled with the boys' walking. Coming even with her, she said hello and they returned the greeting. Jessie now saw that the boy walking ahead of the other was obviously older and it was he whose voice she had been hearing. The other, smaller boy was trying to keep up with the longer strides of the first.

Both had the look of kids who had been outside for hours and were probably now heading home for supper. The bigger boy wore no hat, either dislodged in play and now lying forgotten in some darkened yard or (less likely) stuffed like a wet facecloth in his jacket pocket. His unruly hair, shaped by exertion, framed a red-cheeked face that positively glowed with healthy pleasure. He walked at a slight backward angle to compensate for the hill down which they now all made their way. His gait was purposeful, the damp-looking snowpants slightly twisted as they clopped along.

Behind him, the smaller boy still wore his hat, though it lay crooked and a little bedraggled, threatening to cover one eye as he jostled along to the quick pace. Also red-faced and bright-eyed, his arms and legs moved with the heaviness of damp clothing and late afternoon. There was an animal quality to these children that Jessie noticed and admired. They seemed so connected to their bodies, moving through the winter landscape as if they owned it. They knew what they liked, did what they wanted and knew where they were going.

Jessie knew she was reading a lot into what she saw. Perhaps it was because she saw her own childhood in their ruddy faces and deliciously tired bodies. She recalled returning to a warm house where green lights twinkled at the window and a Christmas tree warmed the hallway. Shortbread cookies and hot chocolate or meatloaf and mashed potatoes would be waiting for her and later she'd sleep like the dead before getting up to do the same thing the next day.

Now the boys had moved passed Jessie and at first she thought they had stopped. But no, they were taking a shortcut to a house set back a little from the road. Instead of walking to the end of the driveway and then taking it to the house, they were cutting through sumac and fir trees, skirting a ditch before crossing the front yard. She could see that by so doing, the boys had entered a world of shadowy trees and moonlight on snow. Perhaps this was their own special way of coming and going, a secret path that would be hidden at other times of the year.

Now, in the leafless landscape lit by the moon and Christmas lights, all secrets were happy ones and all walks were special.

IN LATE 1947, the federal government undertook an extensive repair job of the Hawk Lake log chute, including an extension. Here, men labour during the winter to add the new section. This photo, and many other glimpses of Stanhope's intriguing past can be found at www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca. Our thanks to Carol Moffatt for sharing the photo with us.

pic *of the* past

letters to the editor

Story cries out for a response

To the Editor:

Lance Crossley's article about Jeff Currie's life-shattering accident is heart-wrenching and one can't help but imagine, and to some extent feel, the pain this young man and his family are undergoing. We hope that, in addition to the dedicated caregivers mentioned, there is a community seeking to support them in their time of need. The editorial is right to remind us that any one of us could be experiencing a similar tragedy at any time without warning. "There but for the grace of God go I!"

The article and the editorial cry out for a response from the readers and such a response could address the issue at many levels. I will limit myself to only one.

At this time of year we celebrate the birth of one who is identified almost universally as a great teacher. The question is, do we listen to Him? Very early in his ministry, at the age of thirty [Jeff's age no less], he returned to his hometown of Nazareth and stood up in the synagogue to read from the prophet Isaiah as follows: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." He then declared, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Do we hear him? Do we understand him? Are we prepared to hear and understand him? The record indicates that those who were in his audience that day "marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth," but when he applied the Isaiah text in such a way as to insist that those who would profit from this "fulfillment" would need to humble themselves and accept the favour of God as undeserved, the same crowd "rose up and drove him from the town" and tried to kill him. Three years later he was crucified.

The editorial properly identifies love and hope as the fundamental anchors to which we must

See **The love** *page 8*

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

HAVE a merry Christmas by remembering how we can help others

To the Editor:

We live on a magnificent planet that is inhabited by fascinating creatures, including us humans. Regrettably, though, our "earthly paradise" appears to be enduring (perhaps more than ever) much stress and destruction, resulting from both natural disasters and human-made tragedies. For instance, devastating earthquakes, violent winds and floods, sickening global pollution, contaminated food and water, threatening terrorism and senseless warfare are particularly causing havoc to the health and wellbeing of lives on our planet.

Fortunately, however, the wonders of technology waken our awareness, stir our political/religious conscience, facilitate, and enable us to act swiftly (at least potentially), via humanitarian goods and services, in efforts to salvage and to assist the afflicted areas of our global village.

Perhaps my comments have overtones of a doomsday scenario. Although this is not intended or desired, they may fairly well indicate somewhat the consequences (especially if our past trends and behaviours continue) and expectations of our future on earth. Whatever the actual situations may be, we need (in my opinion) to maximize on the opportunities, to make our world as good (in fact even better than) as we found it.

Prime illustrations of ways to make such improvements are being revealed through the voluntary activities of H.A.V.E. (Help A Village Effort) and its annual Glovertown and area Walk for Water.

Since 1982 H.A.V.E. has successfully provided at least 600 village wells, particularly in rural India, and since 1999 our local WALK has supplied 55 of these wells. Just prior to Christmas 2004, my wife Yuvadee and I (as volunteers) visited 37 village well sites in East and South India, where the developmental results (improvements in health, education, and childcare) of the wells were particularly apparent. Our report is available upon request).

In February, 2006, I, and six other volunteers, will be visiting and involving ourselves again in the development of needy villages in India.

Each and every year during the Christmas and New Year season, much festivity occurs around the world. Apart from the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth, a special opportunity is also provided to give gifts and greetings to one another, to both the rich and the poor. Possibly at this time of year, through the singing, partying, gift sharing, and well-wishing some persons may happily experience a rekindling (may be, too, a sense of rebirth) of love and hope. Amid the destructive forces and distressing tragedies confronting us, both individually and collectively, may the spirit of the season provide and extend in us and through us its joyful meaning, including its universal message of peace and goodwill throughout the whole year.

Our cheerful greetings and best wishes of the season to you and you family.

Gerry Feltham
Gloverton, Newfoundland

Gerry Feltham is one of the Haliburton founders of Help A Village Effort which raises money to dig wells in developing countries.

Walk for Water, including this one in Minden in 2003, has raised enough money to bring safe drinikng water to 600 villages, primarily in rural India.

The love of Jesus is the answer

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cling. However, as wonderful as the love of our families and caregivers is, it is inadequate in addressing ultimate issues, and the hope that sees solutions only in scientific advances or luck will not satisfy. We need to know the love of God and the certainty [which is what the Bible means by hope] of eternal peace ["liberty to the captives . . . set at liberty those who are oppressed"] which the teacher whose birthday we now celebrate taught about, demonstrated and died to win for those who believe in him.

The editorial properly suggests that it would be indecent of us to burden Jeff with the responsibility of demonstrating heroism for us, but surely we can be reminded that we are all vulnerable, that life at best is short and often painful, and that we must look beyond the temporal horizons to find eternal love and hope. The one who came to us at Christmas and suffered for us at Easter offers both. We pray that Jeff and his family may know something of this love and hope.

Don Wood
RR#1 Haliburton

It's time to launch a war of the words

To the Editor:

In reference to the article by Steve Galea on the misappropriation of English words. Nothing is more offensive then a five star general on the nightly news referring to war as "a theatre of operations" and civilian deaths (usually women and children) as "collateral damage."

If a rose by any other name still smells as sweet, then war, regardless of what these people call it still stinks!

D. Thompson,
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Intro to Computers – Part One (3 hrs) COMP169
SECTION 55 DATES Sat, Jan 14, 2006, 9:00am-12:00pm
SECTION 56 DATES Tue, Mar 21, 2006, 6:30pm-9:30pm
INSTRUCTOR Loran Upton FEE $46.35

Intro to Computers – Part Two (3 hrs) COMP170
SECTION 55 DATES Sat, Feb 11, 2006, 9:00am-12:00pm
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MS Access – Part 1 (3 hrs) COMP249
Wed, Mar 08, 2006 TIME 9:00am-12:00pm
INSTRUCTOR Jim Miners FEE $46.35

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Sat, Apr 08, 2006 TIME 9:00am-3:00pm
INSTRUCTOR Loran Upton FEE $70.01

Combating Spam & Spyware (3 hrs) COMP247
Sat, Apr 22, 2006 TIME 9:00am-12:00pm
INSTRUCTOR Loran Upton FEE $46.35

Computer Basics (10 hrs) COMP257
Thu, Jan 26, 2006 - Mar 23, 2006 TIME 5:00pm-7:00pm
INSTRUCTOR Sheila Stackhouse FEE $69.00

Mail Merge (3 hrs) COMP248
Wed, Mar 15, 2006 TIME 9:00am-12:00pm
INSTRUCTOR Jim Miners FEE $46.35

Scanning & Using Pictures (3 hrs) COMP175
Tue, Apr 04, 2006 TIME 6:30pm-9:30pm
INSTRUCTOR Loran Upton FEE $46.35

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Thu, Mar 30, 2006 - Apr 27, 2006 TIME 6:30pm-9:30pm
INSTRUCTOR Loran Upton FEE $83.35

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Tue, Apr 25, 2006 TIME 6:30pm-9:30pm
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CULN059
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INSTRUCTOR Franka Andriano FEE $40.00

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CULN057
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INSTRUCTOR Franka Andriano FEE $40.00

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CULN054
Sat, Feb 04, 2006 TIME 1:00pm-6:00pm
INSTRUCTOR Franka Andriano FEE $40.00

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CULN045
Tue, Mar 28, 2006 - Apr 11, 2006 , 6:00pm-8:30pm
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Fri, Apr 21, 2006 TIME 6:00pm-10:00pm
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Fri, Apr 21, 2006 TIME 6:00pm-10:00pm
Sat, Apr 22, 2006 TIME 9:00am-6:30pm
Sun, Apr 23, 2006 TIME 9:00am-6:30pm
FEE $122.69

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Wed, Jan 18, 2006 - Mar 08, 2006, 9:30am-12:00pm
INSTRUCTOR Cristina Rico FEE $97.80

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Tue, Jan 17, 2006 - Mar 07, 2006, 9:30am-12:00pm
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French Immersion for Parents (16 hrs) LANG032
Wed, Jan 18, 2006 - Mar 08, 2006, 7:00pm-9:00pm
INSTRUCTOR Peggy Flowers FEE $103.20

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Tue, Jan 17, 2006-Feb 14, 2006 TIME 9:00am-4:30pm
INSTRUCTOR Jane Selbie FEE $232.27

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Tue, Feb 21, 2006-Mar 21, 2006 TIME 9:00am-4:30pm
INSTRUCTOR Charles O'Neil FEE $232.27

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Tue, Mar 28, 2006-Apr 25, 2006 TIME 9:00am-4:30pm
INSTRUCTOR Linda McGillivray FEE $232.27

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INSTRUCTOR Fred Phipps FEE $40.00

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CART007
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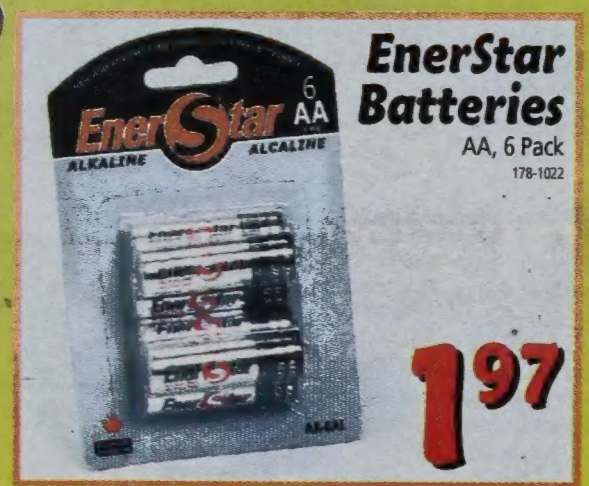

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Emergency numbers to be phased out in Highlands East

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the December 13 meeting of Highlands East council.

As December 10 marked the one-year anniversary for 911 in the county, Fire Chief Don Middleton suggested to council that it may be time to close down the three other emergency fire numbers that are still run by various stations in the municipality.

Middleton reported 26 calls last month on the old lines and wants to steer the community toward using 911.

Councillor Rick Forget worried about making any such move hastily lest a caller be confused during a grave emergency. However, Middleton says the majority of calls coming through on the old lines are not real emergencies.

"We had one the other day asking what time the dump is open," said Middleton.

Councillors agreed the lines will be disconnected on March 31, 2006. In the meantime, callers will get a message on the old lines directing them to 911.

Skating times

A petition on public skating times made its way into council's hands. The petition had 48 names attached, asking council to change public skating at the arena from Sunday afternoon to Saturday evening. Petitioners don't want Sunday skating because it falls just before minor hockey games, making kids too tired for their games if they want to take advantage of the free ice time. They also cited the fact that weekend cottagers are unable to seize the Sunday afternoon skating because they are already heading home.

Council said they won't fund a Saturday night skate but will consider renting out the arena to a group for the minor hockey rate of $55/hr (regular rate is $85/hr), letting them charge what they will to break even.

"It can't be just an individual," said Forget. "It has to be a small group that is willing to take responsibility."

Temporary replacement

Council officially appointed Paul Ellis as Acting Environmental and Property Supervisor. Ellis already works within the department and for the next while will temporarily replace his supervisor Glen Covert, who is likely out until the spring due to some unexpected health problems.

Site control plan

The municipality revised its "site plan control" bylaw in an effort to accommodate new real estate developments at Bark Lake. The revised by-law addresses council's concern that too much regulation was being applied to individual shoreline lots.

Holiday hours

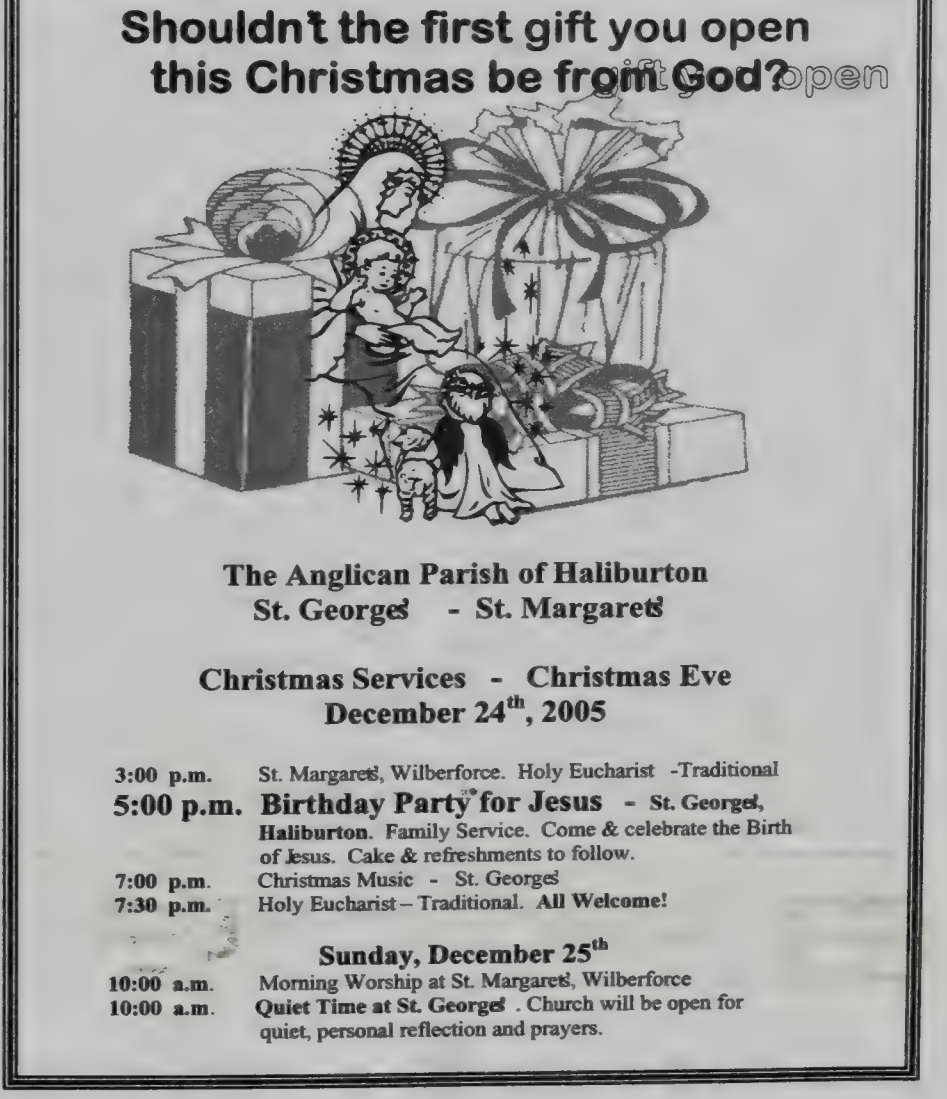
The Highlands East landfill sites will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Years Day. The municipal office will be close for the entire week following Christmas and will re-open on Jan. 3. Council has also advised that the first January council meeting will be held on the 17th, one week later than normally scheduled, and will be followed by their second monthly meeting on the 31st.

Communications system

Highlands East has taken the necessary step to address a dead area in its radio system after approving nearly $19,000 to T.A.S. Communications, a Belleville-based company that will be implementing the infrastructure to provide new coverage.

Firing up a passion for science

Caitlin Quarrington, an education program coordinator at McMaster University, opens the methane tanks to fuel the fire which demonstrate the combustion process during The Fireball Show in the Northern Lights Pavilion on Thursday. The show encourages Grade 10 students to study science and promotes practical science application and the various career paths available.



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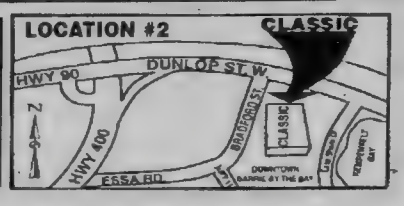

Beautiful ballet

The Nutcracker Ballet was staged for the Stuart Baker Elementary School students, and to the public at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton on Saturday and Sunday by members of the Heritage Ballet Studio, the ballet has enjoyed years of performances with memorable shows. Costumes were by Dani Smolen and Julie Barban. Barban and Rachel Regina were the co-directors of the show.

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GST cut 'not a pancea'

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"In income tax, the people with the least amount of money receive the greatest benefit. Whereas the consumption tax treats everybody the same," says Walling.

The Conservatives say that a family of four making $60,000 a year will save an average of $400 a year. Liberals say the figure is more like $250.

Jim Henwood, owner of Henwood's Variety Store in Haliburton, says he would rather see changes to personal income tax or the gas tax instead of the Conservative proposal.

"It's $1.07 for two stamps. Whether it's $1.06 or $1.05, it really doesn't make too much difference to me," says Henwood.

Even economists from conservative think tanks like the Fraser Institute and the CD Howe institute have expressed reservations about a GST cut, saying it would be far more beneficial to cut income taxes.

Barry Devolin, the incumbent Conservative candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, says the GST is only the first tax his party will tackle and that voters should "stay tuned" for further tax cuts.

"We are not saying we are cutting consumption taxes instead of income taxes," says Devolin. "We think they both need to be cut. I think in the near future Canadians will learn what the Conservative income tax plan is."

Devolin has heard the criticisms from think tanks but does not believe the Conservative plan is being framed correctly. From his point of view, Conservative Leader Stephen Harper's plan to cut the GST is there for its symbolic value as well as its economic benefits.

"If he becomes prime minister, people will see immediately whether he's keeping his word or not," says Devolin. "Reducing the GST is not a panacea. It's a symbolic and important step in the right direction."

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Provincial shortfall in funding is $1.7 million

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certainly won't be 40 per cent.... We'll be looking at ways we can spread the pain over more than one year."

A number of factors contributed to the budget shortfall, not the least of which was provincial downloading. Last time around the county enjoyed $379,000 in provincial compensation, money that has since been discontinued. The province also clawed back $250,000 in favour of distributing it to lower tier municipalities.

Another problem occurred when the county ate up a $540,000 gift from the province in the 2005 budget, even though it was originally designated for 2006. Councillors spent the money prematurely because they felt ratepayers couldn't stomach any more than the eight per cent tax increase presented in last year's budget. Provincial shortcomings account for $1.7 million in lost revenue.

"It doesn't matter which way I slice it, which way I show it to you, there is no answer for that $1.7 million," Janke told councillors.

In past years councillors could rely on a significant surplus to keep next year's levy in check. Treasurers would underestimate revenue and overestimate expenditures so as to pad the municipal vaults. But Janke is known as a treasurer who likes to keep a tight leash on the department heads and prefers accuracy to embellishment. This year's surplus is expected to be $100,000.

New municipal initiatives – 911, waste management, and economic development – also cramp the county's bank account. Although 911 was operating in 2005, it began as a capital project that required a large debeneture. The emergency service is now a fully operational budgetary expense that will cost $220,000 in 2006.

The county's desire to take control of waste management promises to be a significant expense. Councillors felt it foolish that all four lower tier municipalities would each pay their respective environmental consultants. So in November councillors sent out a request for proposal that will eventually make it the county's responsibility to find recycling and landfill sites.

"Eventually that will save us money but it will cost a whole lot to get there," says Janke.

The department of Economic Development and Tourism, which was launched in May, is requesting $418,000 from the county. Part of that cost is due to the department's request for two new staff members to assist with tourism, a demand that was coolly greeted.

"We have to take a good look at that because that's a substantial increase," Fearrey told department head Bob Smith.

County vaults also took a hit from contract settlements with its emergency services workers as well as other employee benefit increases. Insurance costs are expected to rise another 10 per cente.

Compounding the municipal increase will be the education levy. Although education taxes will be reduced by 12.5 per cent this coming year, most ratepayers will still experience an increase because of the hit they took from MPAC assessments. For example, if you paid a $300 educational levy for a $100,000 house, a reduction of 12 per cent would mean savings of $35. However, if your assessment increased to $140,000, you will be paying an extra $30 even with the rate reduction.

"It's going to be hard for the taxpayer all around," said Janke. "It's just one taxpayer and they are paying a lot more here in Haliburton County than they did before to live here."

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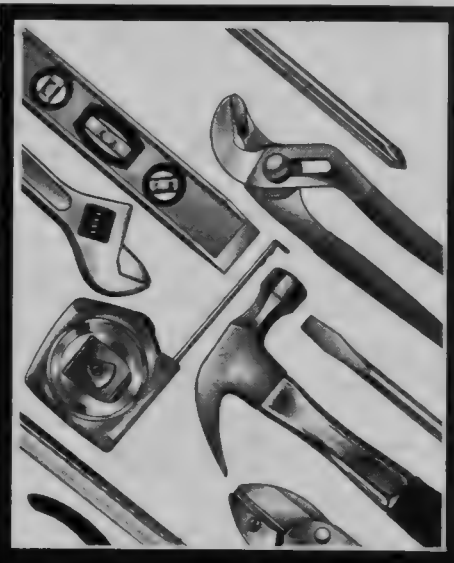
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Pedestrians asked not to walk on groomed ski trails at Glebe Park

But there is a path available for walkers

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Skiers visiting Haliburton for the first time are always amazed by our ski facilities, and the crown jewel of the collection is the lit loop at Glebe Park. Imagine the state of hockey development in this country if players were limited by natural light.

In that sense, out-of-towners are astonished because they are finally "seeing the light." They imagine never missing a ski workout because of a late commitment, and they drool at the possibilities. Rightly so.

Glebe Park is a truly excellent ski facility, and each year it gets better because of the continual improvements to the ski surface and lighting.

It is not just a excellent facility for skiers. Tobogganers now have a pleasant run to enjoy throughout the winter months as well, and pedestrians may use the Head Lake Trail if they can't ski.

Many years ago the Ski Club was approached about the possibility of putting sculptures along existing the ski trail. The club agreed with the provision that this trail be closed to pedestrians throughout the winter. Thus the Sculpture Forest was born.

The majority of the Sculpture Forest is still open only to skiers from December 1 to March 31. We ask that all pedestrians follow the signed walking routes and not walk on the groomed trail. Bob Heyes has done an excellent job providing a safe pedestrian route that allows walkers to cross Glebe Park along a safe and practical route.

This "skiers only" policy is for safety and liability reasons.

Pedestrians could cause (or be the victims of) a serious accident if they walk on ski trails. Also, the footprints they leave behind create a hazard for skiers, especially children, and no one would want to leave behind the footprints that cause a child to be injured.

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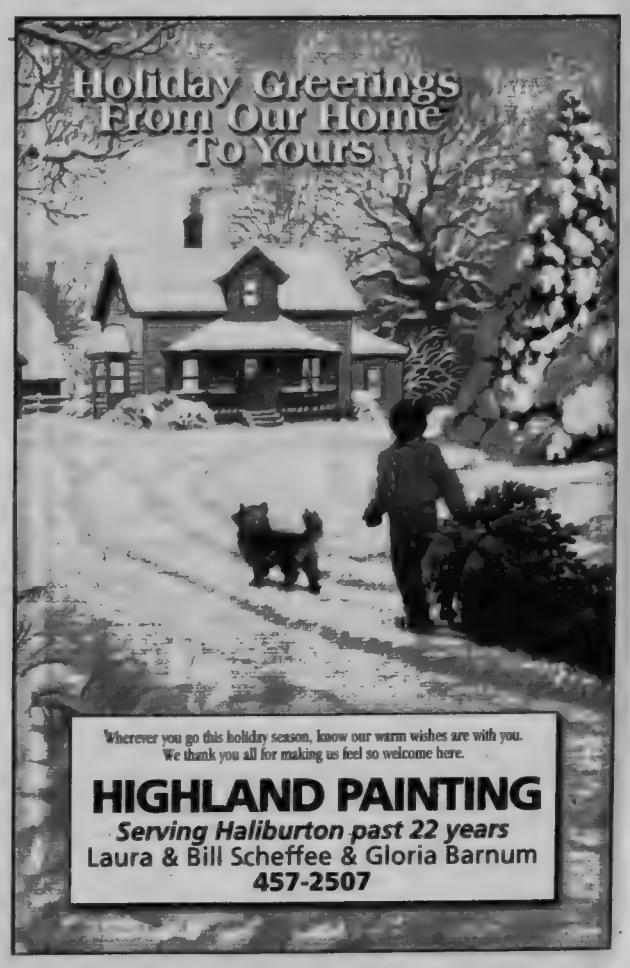

Adriana Ellis pummels to gain an advantage early in on of her matches.

Wrestlers in fighting trim

Wrestlers continue to improve as they gear up for the Kawartha championships in February.

Twenty-five Red Hawk wrestlers travelled to Port Hope on Wed. Dec. 14/05 to compete at the fourth tournament of the season. Several Haliburton athletes wrestled their best matches of the season to post impressive wins.

In the women's division, rookie wrestler Tanisha Holmes lost her first match, but worked hard to win her next two matches earning a bronze medal.

In the 44 kg weight class, Jackie Grech lost her first match to the eventual gold medalist to place her on the consolation side.

She won her next two matches to earn a bronze medal.

In the male division, Red Hawk wrestlers continue to work on mastering technique. Dylan Dalke had four gritty matches and ended the day with four wins and no losses.

Fellow junior wrestler Will Pentesco earned a berth into the championship round in the 77kg. weight class. He narrowly lost the match to earn the silver medal.

Senior Red Hawks Jeff Griffin and Chris Bryan led the team to win their way to championship matches. Jeff lost his final match to earn silver in the 64 kg division. Chris Bryan dominated the 77 kg weight class and remained undefeated to take home the gold.

The following are the team's results:

4th Place: David Wrightman, Karl Kadwell, Emma Cox

Bronze: Dylan Dahlke, Andy Cooper, Tanisha Holmes, Jackie Grech, Heather Kennedy, Julie Moore

Silver: Will Pentesco, Jeff Griffin

Gold: Julie Johnston, Chris Bryan

AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Highlands Summer Festival's 2006 season productions will be held Saturday and Sunday January 14 & 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Audition packages are available at the locations listed below or may be downloaded from the Highlands Summer Festival web site. This year's productions will require ten women and ten men ranging in age from 20 to 60+ and three to ten children/adolescents 9 to 17 years of age.

Please note: You must register in advance to attend an audition. Registration and audition information, character descriptions and an explanation of the commitment expected of anyone interested in taking part in this season's productions is included in the audition packages. Audition packages can be picked up at:

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Musical cabaret debuts in Wilberforce Dec. 29

STEVE GALEA

Special to the Echo

It started just two years ago in the tiny, historic church on the Essonville Line. That's when Ken Noble of Esson Lake and the other organizers asked Edgar Thatcher to sing a song at the annual Christmas service. Lucky for us, Thatcher, a professional singer/songwriter and performing artist, who divides his time between homes in Los Angeles and Esson Lake, readily agreed.

"I knew it was something special," he says, "so I performed a few songs including one that I wrote for the occasion. That one told of what it felt like to be in a place you call home for the holidays. It was a sentiment that I could relate to."

That song was *Home to the Highlands* and, I suppose, the rest is local history. Its lyrics touch on all the little things that make a place home and it is currently receiving critical acclaim and recognition on our local airwaves. For, Thatcher, who has played his music all over North America and released a CD entitled *Talk to Me*, the popularity of the song is a pleasant surprise. "I guess it just strikes a chord with people," he says modestly.

Special though it was, the song was simply a seed. Right after the church service, Edgar and his wife Shari organized a music night at their home on Esson Lake. As you might have expected, the party was a hit with all those who attended, including yours truly. But more than that, the party germinated the seed.

"Sometime thereafter, Esson Lake cottager Ken Bradley approached me and suggested that the party was so much fun that it'd be a waste not to share it with more people," Thatcher said. "I asked him what he was getting at and he suggested taking the music night to a bigger venue to support local causes."

One discussion led to another and soon the project took on a life of its own. Now we can all look forward to *Home to the Highlands* - a holiday musical cabaret with Edgar Thatcher and Friends" which will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Thursday, December 29. The doors open at 7 p.m.. The performances start at 7:30 and continue onto 10:30.

"The show is going to touch on the theme of being at home, wherever that might be, during the holidays. It's not a sit down show either. The audience will be encouraged to sing along and participate. Though it's during the holidays, the focus is not on Christmas music. We're going to perform good, fun, music, everything from jigs to comedic songs. There's going to be something for people of all ages."

Thatcher and his band, who play acoustic, popular, and folk music, will headline the venue, but it will also feature performances by acclaimed Canadian singer/songwriter Doug Reansbury, 16-year-old violin virtuoso Jasmine Dine from Pender Island, British Columbia, and piano solos by 17-year-old Laura Thompson from Georgetown. Add to that, the comedic talents of the Loop Troop and you just might have a night to remember.

Better still, the proceeds from the event are going to worthy local causes, specifically the Heritage Guild, the historic Essonville Church, and the Wilberforce Agricultural Society. Thatcher and Bradley both describe it as a family event. There will be no alcohol but dessert and seasonal drinks. There will also be door prizes as well as displays by local artisans. "We want to bring the community together for a good time," says Bradley.

The popularity of *Home to the Highlands* has encouraged Thatcher to work on a Christmas album for next year. CD singles of the song will be available at the show.

The cabaret, possibly the first of its kind in Wilberforce, promises to be entertaining. "We're really looking forward to it," Thatcher says. "Who knows? It might even be the start of a tradition."

Let's hope so.

Admission is $8 for adults, or $10 at the door ($8 with non-perishable food item), and $5 for seniors and youth under 16. Passes for families of 4 are $20. Advance tickets are available at Agnew's in Wilberforce, Henwood's Variety in Haliburton, and Harvest Moon and Woodbugs & Guitar Nuts in Bancroft.

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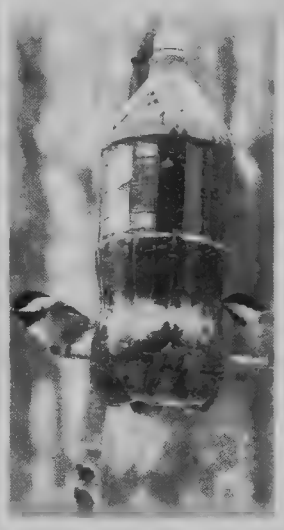

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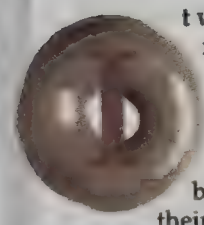
Stuart and Melissa Tilling provided a free Christmas dinner for 84 seniors and members of Community Living last Monday and Tuesday. The family says the gesture is an expression of gratitude.

Christmas in a doughnut shop

New restaurant owners say thanks by providing a free turkey dinner for 84 people

Story and photos by Lance Crossley



It was a bitterly cold night and frost was accumulating on the windows of the doughnut shop. Unknown to passers-by, who didn't cup their brow to peer through the window, a scene of holiday cheer ensued that might well have come from a story book.

Dozens of seniors and members of Community Living donned their Christmas hats and shared smiles over a traditional turkey feast – all provided free by an English family thankful to have discovered this community.

"They've been really friendly to us because they appreciate that we've been out here on our own without family," says Melissa Tilling, who bought Village Donuts and Café in the spring with her husband Stuart. "They've been very, very supportive so we try to be a little bit supportive towards them."

The Tillings immigrated from Milton Keyes, England, in the hope of finding a community environment they could identify with. Mr. Tilling owned a construction company in England that often pulled him away from his family and eventually drained the enjoyment out of his life. Since arriving in Haliburton at the end of last year, both he and his family have been rejuvenated.

"I've probably done more here in a year than I've done in a lifetime in England," says Mr. Tilling. "Here I snowmobile, ice fish and hunt. It's just a laid back thing. We work hard and we play hard. In England, I just seemed to work hard and harder."

His teenage daughter Bethany says she has enjoyed watching her father fumble around in his outdoor adventures and says it's a big change seeing him on a daily basis. His six-year-old son Harry sums it up in one word: "Wicked."

Muriel Parks and Olive Smith were among the many who enjoyed themselves at Village Donuts.

"Stuart has changed so much in the year since he's been here," says his wife. "If somebody had said to me a year ago that your husband would be putting on a dinner for seniors and wearing a Christmas hat, that would be the last thing I'd believe."

The couple staged a two-night affair at the beginning of last week, hosting Christmas dinners for a total of 84 people. The Tillings cooked 12 turkeys for the event and had about the same number of staff volunteer their time to make the event possible.

Olive Smith, a senior who lives at the Echo Hills apartment building, says the gesture is much appreciated.

"It's very lovely," says Mrs. Smith. "Really nice."

Beyond the traditional Christmas dishes, a touch from home was added as the Tillings made English sausages wrapped in bacon.

The success of this year's endeavour has led the family to want to make it an annual event.

"We've moved around a fair bit in our time and we can honestly say that the Haliburton people are just something totally different from what we've ever experienced," says Mr. Tilling. "The community spirit here is just absolutely amazing."

So if next year you happen to be walking by a doughnut shop on a cold winter night, you might want to peer through the clouded window to catch a glimpse of the festivities inside.

You just might catch the spirit of the season.

Oven orders

Kitchen volunteers (from left) Blake Patterson, Kyle Bradley, and Sydney Haime show what they can make with the new oven at the Adult Learning Centre in Haliburton. The Centre had an open house, giving away free pizza samples on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The school, with a population of 50 students and more than 15 regularly helping in the kitchen, is accepting outside food orders for up to 40 people. Telephone the school for orders. From Oct. 25 to December the school fed 1,000 people with orders. It is also selling baked goods for the Christmas season. Much of the kitchen efforts are directed by volunteer Sharon Bacon. Photo, Darren Lum.

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How many chickadee-dees did you see-see?

DENNIS BARRY

Special to the Echo

The 38th annual Christmas bird count took place on Saturday, December 17.

Every year is different in terms of how many birds choose to spend the winter in Haliburton County. In years when there's a good supply of wild food further north, few "winter" finches may find their way this far south. If the cone crop is poor further north, and poor here as well, finches may move south during autumn, but not linger in Haliburton. In those rare years when wild food is abundant here but scarce to the north and west, many birds will stop.

Black-capped chickadee populations have moved south this winter.

This year the crop of wild seeds is generally poor here and to the north as well. A few trees of any one species produced seeds, but most have none.

The number of birds visiting your feeders may increase when wild food is scarce. You may get the impression that there are lots of birds around, but there may be few birds out in the woods away from feeders.

This year there are a few winter finches of most species around. Evening and pine grosbeaks, common redpolls and goldfinches and white-winged crossbills have been reported. Most purple finches have moved south and pine siskins seem to have moved on also. People with niger feeders are reporting large numbers of goldfinches, and will likely see increasing numbers of redpolls as well.

There was a major southward migration of blue jays in September, so numbers here will be less than last year, although certain feeders may attract fairly large numbers. Black-capped chickadees and red-breasted nuthatches also moved south in large numbers, and hairy woodpeckers have been showing up at feeders to the south.

Water flow in rivers and streams is less than normal, which will mean that lakes and rivers will freeze over faster, forcing waterfowl to move south sooner. Kashagawigamog remained open until just a week or so ago with common loons and a variety of ducks, but a cold snap changed that. Drag and Irondale rivers are mostly open with ducks and Canada geese still present. Rapids remain open throughout the winter with a few mergansers remaining.

Remaining fruit such as winterberry, wild apples and flowering crab have attracted flocks of Bohemian waxwings. An occasional robin may still be present as well.

The count circle is 15 miles across. It extends from Kinmount and Moore Falls in the south to Mountain Lake in the north, from Bob Lake in the west to Lochlin and Ingoldsby in the east.

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Court heard that on September 17, 2005, opening day of waterfowl season in that region, a Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer from Minden spoke to two men who had shot one duck each over their legal limit of six and had left the two birds to rot.

The pond, in Lutterworth Township, could only be reached through a locked gate on Hunt's property, and the officers discovered the pond had been pre-baited with corn and grain.

Placing bait to hunt migratory game birds is illegal because it attracts large numbers of birds and gives the hunter an unfair advantage.

Justice of the Peace Jack Wiley heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on December 1, 2005.

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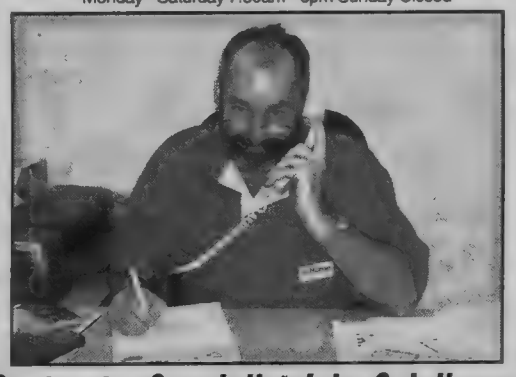

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Above left, Wendy Sisson (holding the rope) helped Stuart Baker's Grade 3 students appreciate the simpler times this past Wednesday when the school hosted a pioneer day. Making candles, learning to weave and build log homes were all part of the festivities, while the cork acrobat workshop gave students a glimpse at pioneer entertainment and physics. Above, Logan Churko quickly mastered the traditional pioneer game, "cup and ball." In the days before televisions, computers and Game Boys, entertainment was a whole different breed of fun. Churko and the other Grade 3 students genuinely enjoyed the toys and trends of the bygone pioneer era during Stuart Baker's Pioneer Day. Photos, Bryn Weese.

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Doris Monahan named new school board chair

Judy Saunders elected vice chair

The following are brief reports from the December 13 meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, provided by the board.

Doris Monahan was elected school board chair and Judy Saunders was elected school board vice chair for 2006.

Monahan, a trustee from Muskoka, thanked the work of former chair, Bob Orr and former vice chair, Valerie Smith, trustees, and administration for their hard work. She is looking forward to working as the board's chair and helping to make the director's strategic directions a success.

Orr mentioned that the last two years as chair of the board were the most rewarding in his 19 years as a school board trustee.

New Audit Committee

Trustees agreed to establish an audit committee. This committee may include external reporting including a review of the year-end audited financial statements and the appointment of auditors, review of audit fees and auditor engagement letters. The committee will also review the quarterly treasurer's report and monitor corporate conduct including compliance with laws and regulations.

Presentation of 2004-2005 Financial Statements

Superintendent of Business Jim Bradley presented the audited 2004-2005 financial statements.

Trustees approved the 2004-2005 financial statements for the board and accepted the auditors' report.

2006 Meeting Dates

Trustees approved the board meeting dates for 2006. All board meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. Dates for meetings will be available soon on the school board website www.tldsb.on.ca

Appointments and Transfers

Trustees recommended the appointment to the Secondary Principal pool the following individuals: Bruce Barrett, Dan Marsden, Dianna Scates, Mark Cossarin, Craig Myles, Alison Turnbull, David Golden, Greg Ingram and Jan Olsson.

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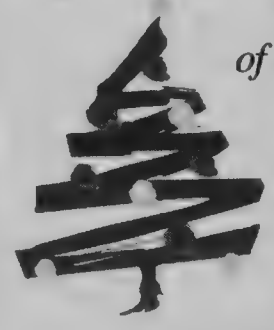

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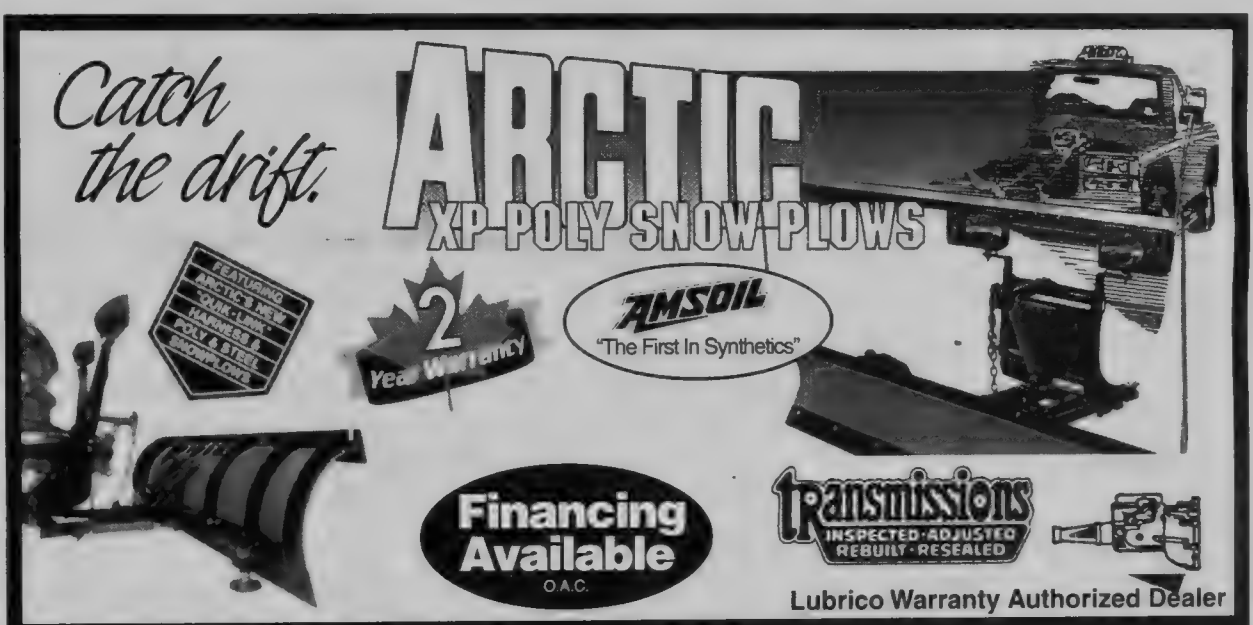

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Talent showcase

The Sir Sandford Fleming College student body showcased their work during the annual Art Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the college's Great Hall on Saturday, Dec. 10. More than 100 pieces representing every faculty at the arts college was on display and for sale, including pottery, iron work, textile work, and paintings. The college attracts students that come from all over the continent.

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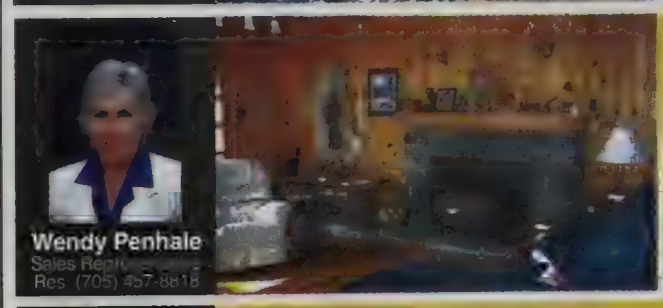

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Car and deer collisions make up 35% of crashes

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment would like to remind the public about the need to be attentive while driving area roads. So far this year officers have investigated 194 accidents between cars and deer within the county of Haliburton.

Increased speed and adverse weather conditions can have an impact on drivers' ability to perform evasive action as well as increase stopping distance.

Car and deer accidents have made up more than 35 per cent of the accidents investigated by officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

Drivers are reminded of the need to be attentive as wildlife can pose a hazard when crossing or feeding near area roads.

Don't drink and drive: police

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Officers have issued seven 12-hour suspensions and have charged three people with drinking and driving.

"I think it's going quite well," Const. Mark McMaster says of the annual effort to keep holiday roads as safe as possible.

Officers were involved in a short pursuit last week when a driver tried to avoid a RIDE check on Highway 35 south of North Shore Road.

There were no injuries and none of the vehicles involved sustained any damage.

A 52-year-old Algonquin Highlands man is charged with driving while under suspension, failing to stop for police and failing to comply with a recognizance. He was found to be in breach of a conditional sentence order in regards to a fraud conviction and was held for a bail hearing in Lindsay.

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AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday January 9th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-150/05 & H-151/05
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   Location of the Property: Pt Lots 1 & 2, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Harcourt
   Nature of the Application: 2 Leases

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If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

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Christmas at St. George's

Although no parishioner in the Highlands would have any reason to believe this, Sunday School Christmas concerts can be fraught with church politics and children who forget their cues. But Barbara Robinson has been to enough of them to know that egos and short attention spans do not have to ruin the best-laid plans. She wrote a short story about how one church rose above it all called *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Last Thursday, the people sitting in the pews at St. George's Anglican Church were delighted to be presented with readings from the story as well as aptly chosen songs presented by the choirs of St. George's and St. Margaret's. the readings were done by Brenda Robinson, Traci Hubbert, Marg Jeske, Janet Bottum, Joan Barnes, Sharon Dibblee and the Rev. Faun Harriman. (Jeske's reading in particular gave the audience an intimate awareness of all the foibles and flaws of certain church types.) Directed by organist Bill Gliddon, the evening was a reminder of the true values of the season. Photos, Martha Perkins.

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART ET AL

(Comprehensive Zoning By-law)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al passed By-law No. 2005-120 on the 12th day of December, 2005 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: By-law 2005-120 is a new comprehensive zoning by-law to control the use of land, buildings and structures within the Municipality of Dysart et al. It replaces By-law 77-32, as amended. By-law 2005-120 applies to all lands and waters, within the Municipality of Dysart et al, excluding Algonquin Provincial Park. By-law 2005-120 implements the new Dysart Official Plan.

ANY PERSON, CORPORATION OR PUBLIC BODY may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board with respect to this By-laws by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al not later than the 9th day of January, 2006, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection. This notice must be accompanied by the prescribed fee of $125.00, made payable to the Treasurer of Ontario.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of an association or the group on its behalf.

A COPY OF BY-LAW 2005-120 is available for review at the Planning Department at the Municipal Offices during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday). A copy of the complete text, as well as an information sheet with highlights, may be downloaded from the Municipal website at www.dysartetal.ca.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Inquiries or requests for additional information on Zoning By-law 2005-120 should be directed, during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday), to Patricia Martin, Municipal Planner, Municipality of Dysart et al, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0, telephone (705) 457-1740, fax (705) 457-1964.

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 20th December, 2005.

Tammy McKelvey
CAO/Clerk

Used book project raises lots of cash

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community news

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

Eileen Agnew let me know about the ongoing BEAR project at Agnew's General Store. You know about those books that you have Borrowed, Enjoyed And Returned this year? Well, that project raised $1,400 this year! Wow! Agnew's has given $500 to the fire department, $500 to the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services and $400 to the Outreach Centre. Thank you to all book readers. Thank you to Agnew's for their generous help and thoughtfully starting BEAR a few years ago.

The winners of the three comfy, attractive afghans that were donated to the United Church Women were Linda Stamp of Mississauga and Tony Correia and Eric Vasey both of the Toronto area. We think some local family members or friends were thinking of these folk when getting tickets. Congratulations.

The Community Carol Service held at Wilberforce United Church on Sunday evening December 11, was one of the best ever.

Organized by Rev. Peter Robinson and musical director Elsie Lewis of the United Church, many from several churches in the area took part.

The carols were sung heartily. The choir presented some favourites including *Still, Still, Still, The Birthday of a King,* and *Here We Come A Caroling*. Sharon Traviss and Anne Dupuis, backed by the choir gave a lovely rendition of *The Bells are Ringing*.

Readers included Sarah Bowen, Mary Mumford, Ken Jones, Hilda Clark, Father Joachim Nnanna and Rev. Peter Robinson.

A highlight of the evening was Carolyn Dahlke's presentation of *O Holy Night*. Providing fine accompaniment were Margaret Dugas on piano, and our Elsie Lewis on organ and piano.

A fine time of fellowship followed this annual worship service of carols and lessons.

The Essonville Historic Church was filled with music on Sunday, Dec. 18 as a throng of people took part in the annual carol service. Once again a fine part of the Christmas season! Thanks to all for a fine program.

Merry Christmas to all.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: January 9th, 2006
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are a part of an original road allowance, allowance for road or shoreline road allowance, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

1. Applicant: Mahood
   Location: Kennisis Lake
   - Shoreline Road Allowance
   - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lots 16 and 17, Concession 2, Township of Harburn.
   - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop, OLS, being available for review in the Planning Department.

1. Applicant: Rizun
   Location: Bitter Lake
   - Shoreline Road Allowance
   - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 10, Township of Guilford
   - Defined as Part 4 on Plan 19R-6458, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

1. Applicant: Yarde
   Location: Boyne Lake
   - Shoreline Road Allowance
   - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lots 3 and 4, Concession 11, Township of Dudley.
   - Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 15th day of December, 2005.

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- **Dec. 25:** Christmas Day – A mission of love. A delicious, complimentary Traditional Turkey Dinner for those alone at Christmas. 4 p.m., eggnog and Carols, 5 p.m. Dinner. Please call Lakeside Baptist Church (457-2851) or Judy McKay at 286-3137 by Dec.15th.
- **Dec. 31:** Coboconk Royal Canadian Legion invites everyone to their New Year's Eve Party with DJ Alison Bowins. Tickets are now available. Price includes a light meal and a chance at the door rize, a 19" colour TV. Bring your noise makers and hats and ring in the New Year at the Coboconk Legion Hall.
- **Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden – Well Baby Drop-In will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in (Sears Building). Visit with a Family Helth Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. For information call the Health Unit, 457-1391.
- **Jan. 12:** Ladies Fellowship – The West Guilford Community Centre, Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Theme: New Beginnings. Special Speaker: Ruth Carter. Feature: Mary Gryciuk of Marty's. Music: Donna Lee Sisson. Join us for a ladies night out! For more info. call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **Jan. 17:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be holding its regularly scheduled December meeting due to the holidays. We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Jan. 18:** Parent-Child Kindergym – The Ontario Early Years Centre, in partnership with Haliburton Dance Arts, will be offering "Kindergym" for parents and their pre-school children. 6 week session starting Wed., Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Physical Journeys, Main St., Minden. Instructor: Terri Mathews. Call the O.E.Y.C. at 286-1770 to register as spaces are limited. There is no cost, donations appreciated.
- **Jan. 19:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton – Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Jan. 25:** Prenatal Class Registration Deadline. Join this free class offered b the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call the Health Unit at 457-1391 to register or find out more.
- **Jan. 28:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden – Family Literacy Day on Sat., Jan. 28 from 10:30 - 1:00. We will be making books, having story time, and sharing a potluck brunch. Each family will receive a new book to take home. Call 286-1770.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Now until Dec. 21:** 10th Annual Christmas Toy Challenge, arrange for gift pick up by calling the Haliburton County Home Builders office at 457-2629.
- **McKeck's Place –** Homework Club meets every Tuesday at 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. All grades, all subjects. Phone Karen Frybort or Heather Taylor at 457-3443. The Homework Club emerged from a group of students working part-time at McKeck's Place. Our Philosophy has always been "schoolwork comes ahead of a part-time job". As an employer that invests in our youth, we decided as management that we would assist the kids with their homework and allow them to complete their academic requirements as well as hold a part-time job, encouraging their financial independence and furthering their skills in the F & B Industry. It's a win/win situation. We will be looking for monthly sponsors for the club to offset costs of after-school snacks ... they are all hungry upon arrival from school, and healthy nutrition is just another aspect of the program.
- **Christmas Tea & Social –** Join other Family Caregivers on Wed., Dec. 7 & 21 at 2 p.m. "Case Manor Lagoon Club", Bobcaygeon; Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Kinmount and District Health Centre's lower level.
- **Al-Anon Meetings –** Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups** on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24
• 3:00 p.m.
Family Services featuring "A Shepherd's Tale" at Zion United Church, Carnarvon
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Family Services at Minden United Church.
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DATED at Minden, the 15th day of December 2005. Wendy McCormick, Estate Trustee by her solicitor PINCKARD·WYJAD FLEMING ASSOCIATES, Barristers and Solicitors, 5 IGA Road, P.O. Box 850, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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440 THANK YOU

I WOULD SINCERELY LIKE TO THANK Angie (owner and operator of Trinity Hair Salon) for her kindness and compassion shown me when I fell ill in her hair salon. Angie, thanks for calling 911 and coming to the hospital to be with me. Also special thanks to Dr. Bottum and ambulance drivers and the nurses at the Haliburton Hospital you are the best! **Marjorie Tibbitts.**

THANKS FOR MY DAUGHTER HOME ... Giving to the Salvation Army, means that I must have helped other Moms get their child home for Christmas ... Thank you – No Greater Gift. **Skip Ray.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

BLAKEY, ELAINE – In memory of our mom Elaine.
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Blackness in the dark
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As long as I keep you alive in my heart
You are surely missed. Rest in Peace
Don.

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In a quiet country grave yard
Where gentle breezes blow
Lies the one we love so dearly
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But no one knows the heartache
As we turn and leave you there.
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HICKS – In loving memory of parents and grandparents. May - Dec. 21, 2000, Orville - March 1, 1973.
Every day in some small way
Memories of you come our way
Though absent you are ever near
Still missed. Still loved and ever dear.
Ruth and Family.

JOHNSON, EDITH – In loving memory of a special mother and grandmother who passed away December 25, 1994.
As we love her, so we miss her,
In our memory she is dear,
Loved, remembered, longed for always
Bringing many a silent tear.
Forever in our hearts, **Vicky, Rob, Justin and Alyssa.**

JOHNSON, EDITH – In loving memory of my mom who passed away Dec. 25, 1994.
God find the softest pillow to lay her head upon
Place a kiss upon her cheek and tell her who it's from
Put your loving arms around her
In an never ending hug
And tell her that we miss her
And give her all our love.
Always remembered and forever loved. **Darlene**

450 IN MEMORIAM

JUBB, HELEN – In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. December 17, 1921 - December 22, 2002.
We mention your name
And speak of you often,
God bless you dear Helen
You are not forgotten.
We hold you close within our hearts,
And there forever you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until in Heaven we meet again.
Lovingly remembered **Bern Jubb and Family.**

SANDERSON – In loving memory of parents and grandparents Joan who passed away on Dec. 30th, 1997 and Wilbur who passed away on Jan. 16th, 1985.
Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.
Fondly remembered by **daughter Judy (Wayne) and grandchildren, Steve of Toronto and Heather of Victoria, B.C. and son John (Linda) of Kitchener.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
JOHN HALLAM
Passed away at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, December 12, 2005. In his 81st year.
Beloved husband of Marjorie (nee Hadley) of Minden. Dear brother of George of Edinburgh, Scotland, Ben (Lana) of Campbell River, B.C., Leonard of Bowmanville, Norah (Franz) Steffend of Midland, Grace (Michael) Djani of Oshawa, Olive (Horst) Meder of Woodstock and predeceased by his sister Mary Parker of Australia and by his sister-in-law Anny of Edinburgh. Mourned by many nieces, nephews, by sister-in-law Edna Morgan and by brother-in-law Charlie Hadley and his wife Jean of Minden. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (or on line at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday, December 16, 2005 at 11 a.m. Reception was in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. Memorial donations to the Minden Food Bank or to the Salvation Army would be appreciated.

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BALL, UENA MAE – entered into rest peacefully at Caressant Care Nursing Home in Lindsay on Thursday, December 15, 2005. Uena Ball, in her 93rd year, was the beloved wife of Dave Ball of Wilberforce. Loving mother of Verlene and her husband Don Sinclair. Susie Mitchell and Frank Chick all of Lindsay and Terry Mitchell and his wife Gwen of Peterborough. Lovingly remembered by her 6 grandchildren and by her 10 great grandchildren and predeceased by her 1 great granddaughter. Dear sister of Orville Marshall of Selkirk, Manitoba and predeceased by 4 sisters and 2 brothers. Mrs. Ball rested at the STODDART FUNERAL HOME, 24 Mill St., Lindsay on Saturday, December 17 from 12:30 p.m. until time of funeral service in the chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment will take place in the spring at South Wilberforce Cemetery. Memorial donations to Caressant Care Nursing Home would be appreciated by the family.

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CAIN, WILLIAM EARL "Curly" (Retired 42 year employee of McCord's Cement, Toronto) – At the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, December 12th, 2005 in his 79th year. Predeceased by his parents Earl and Celia Cain and his sister Eileen Breen. Survived by his dearly beloved wife Eleanor of 58 years. Loving father of Connie Fawcett (Dan), Linda Ryalen (Arne) and Dale Friel (Wayne). Dear grandfather of Corinne, Steve; Stephanie (Ted), April (Mark), Martin, (Sarah); Sarah and Amanda. Great Grandfather of Murray, Emily, Nolan and Jack. Brother of Don (Edith), Clayton and Robert (Joan). Brother-in-law of Roy Breen. Missed by many nieces and nephews. At Bill's request there will be no Funeral Service. Donations made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to OSHAWA FUNERAL SERVICE "Thornton Chapel", 847 King Street West (905) 721-1234.

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